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The Weather

Cloudy with freezing rains or snow in the east and south portions Saturday afternoon and in the extreme east portion, slightly colder Saturday night.

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Japs Raid Corregidor Base

Hempstead, Lafayette Excited Over New Oil Field

Our Daily Bread

By NEA Commentator

WILLIS THORNTON

Weighing Rights Against Rights Crocodile Tears

Just as the American government was devised as a balance of powers among the executive, legislative and judicial branches, each a check against the other, so we are coming to a time when the rights of the citizens must be weighed against the rights of other citizens.

Three Landing Attempts Halted by the British

However, Japs on Outskirts of Quantan, East of Singapore

SCINGAPORE.—(AP)—British troops fighting to hold their positions in northwest Malaya, beat off three shore Japanese attacks by land and one by sea Friday, but on the east coast the invaders pushed into the outskirts of Kuantan, only 190 miles from Singapore, a communique announced Saturday.

The bulletin said the Japanese suffered between 400 and 500 casualties in their assault on the Perak front. Four Japanese barges and a small steamer were set afire by British artillerymen who halted a new landing attempt on lower Perak Friday, the communique declared and "the remaining of enemy craft withdrew."

The Japanese maintained their night by night aerial thrust at Singapore, attacking various targets. Little damage was done, the communique said reporting seven casualties.

War Stockings for Women

Stockings Will Get Thicker and Legs Thinner

BY BETTY CLARKE
AP Feature Service Writer
If stockings get thicker, legs will have to get thinner. Besides, you'd probably like them slimmer now anyway.

Here is a simple system for keeping legs slim, says Rhona Hasburgh of Radio City ballet. Use a chair as a support and simply stand on and off the chair as though you were walking up and down stairs. Stand with your right foot, put it on the chair for the first count, then bring the left up to the seat for the second count, putting the right foot on the floor again when you get the left foot up. The faster you do it, the better your beautifying, but Miss Hasburgh says not to overdo this one at first.

She has another one she favors, too. It's right out of the Ballet Corps' routine for really keeping legs lovely. Here is the way they do it: Stand with your right side to a chair back and hold the chair with your right hand and stretch your left arm to your side at shoulder level. Then bend your left knee and lift that leg until it almost touches your extended arm. Keeping your thigh as motionless as possible, try to make a circle with your left knee.

Eight times to each side is enough at first, Miss Hasburgh insists. And she reminds you: "Legs will not get slim unless your exercise is daily. And you have to do your duty by the exercise besides."

The Name is Duke, Not Duchess

AGAWAM, Okla.—(AP)—Disregarding the record, W. W. Duke, Agawam grocer, is a man.
Recently Duke went to the state health department for a birth certificate and learned he was registered as a female of the species.
Now Duke is trying to convince the department that a son was born to the Duke family 28 years ago.
Oh, yes, he's having a little temporary trouble, too, since the word got out.

That has always been true, of course, but a complex industrial civilization, in which people live close to one another both physically and economically, is heightening it. All our rights are conditioned and diluted by the rights of others.

There is the right of free speech, but it does not warrant crying "Fire!" in a crowded theater, nor maliciously assailing the character of another. There is the right of freedom of assembly, but it often conflicts with the right of all citizens to use the streets without delay or danger.

There is the right to tune in any program one likes on the radio, but not to play the thing all night so loudly that no one in the block can sleep. Others also have rights.

That is the kind of dilemma which the U. S. Supreme Court tackled in its recent decision in the Virginia Electric Power Co. case. The National Labor Relations Board had ordered disbanded what it after hearings decided to be a "company union."

In the course of its decision to order the board to make a redetermination of its order, the court discussed a conflict between two rights.

One is the right now generally accepted of workers to organize into unions free from coercive pressure by employers. The other is the right of free speech.

The court came up with the only sensible American answer, which is that an employer is as free as any else to speak his mind on union matters, with this exception, that the manner and matter of the expression must not be such as to exercise a coercive control on employees.

It is indefinite, but when rights are in conflict, no lines of black and white can ever be laid down. There is always gray.

If an employer says "No penalty for joining, but it is foolish to do so and here's why," that would seem to be all right, especially if the company bears out the penalty actually will ensue.

It is unlawful for an employer to fall back on free speech as a device for saying "Unions are lousy and I'll fire anybody who monkey with them."

Closely related to it will be hard to contain a government which is bound to preserve the maximum rights of its citizens just as far as they can be preserved and still have a system of functions.

The Spanish Falangist newspaper Arriba, says Japan, states that it could stay any longer tolerate American opposition and interference, and that heathen nation triumphs over the Christian United States.

Naturalists find it difficult to reconcile with the Christian professions of the Spanish fascists, and causes wonder if in their case political he has not outweighed the religious. While hoping for the downfall of United States, Arriba weeps a little or two in hoping for the preservation of Manila "for Christ" as "a fragment of the heart of Spain."

The Philippine administration in Manila apparently left some of the Philippines fought grimly to be delivered herefrom. Under U. S. rule, thousands of Filipinos have been converted to Christianity, and if a Shinto or ever replaces the Catholic faith in Manila, we hope Arriba has plenty of crocodile tears left to shed.

Permits Issued for Drilling of 6 Wells in Area

Much Land in Two-County Area Owned by Hope, Hempstead Men

Announcement of the opening of a new oil pool after the Barnsdall Wildcat No. 1 came in as a 15,000-barrel producer left Hope and Hempstead county citizens excited over the prospects of a boom in this area.

Official announcement of the opening of the new field came late Friday afternoon after the first wildcat turned the tide in the Nepeleon invasion, compelling the French to fall back across the frozen steppelands with terrible losses. Only 20,000 of Napoleon's originally army of 500,000 got out alive.

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Reports from Lewisville, county seat of Lafayette, indicate that the town is alive with oil activity. Several Lewisville and Stamps men have extensive holdings in and around the well.

Permits Granted
EL DORADO, Ark.—(AP)—Six permits for wells in the Lafayette-Hempstead county area were issued by the oil and Gas Commission Friday after the Barnsdall Oil company announced it had opened a new pool with a 10,000 to 15,000 barrel wildcat test.

President E. B. Resner of Barnsdall said at Tulsa, Okla., that the well was "the biggest discovery of the year" in Arkansas. State Geologist George C. Branner at Little Rock predicted the discovery would start drilling over a wide area in several South Arkansas counties.

Barnsdall's No. 1 Edgar Bond, in the C NW SW 11-15-24w, Lafayette county, was drilled to 637 feet in the Shuler cover sand. On its initial test Thursday night officials said it flowed at the rate of 10,000 to 15,000 barrels a day.

The oil and Gas Commission set up a temporary prorotation schedule for the field at Barnsdall's request limiting production of the discovery well to 400 barrels a day until another well comes in. Thereafter the flow will be cut back until the first four producers are allowed 200 barrels each per day.

Commission engineers were directed to make two tests of bottom hole pressure and the oil-gas ratio to determine if production can be had without waste at that rate.

The commission said the well was the largest producer brought in for South Arkansas in nearly three years. The discovery wells of the Shuler field (1937) and Magnolia field (1938) showed potentials similar to the Lafayette discovery. Under prorotation, none of these ever were allowed to flow at capacity.

The commission said the official gauge on the Barnsdall well showed it flowed at a rate of 70 barrels of sweet oil an hour on a half inch choke. It was of 38.3 gravity with little gas.

Thickness of line in the Barnsdall well was reported equal to or slightly thicker than in the Magnolia field and much thicker than in the Shuler field. Permeability equals that of the Magnolia field and is about twice that of the great East Texas field.

The well was completed from the upper levels of the oilite line, a formation which runs better than 200 feet with its density increasing slightly from the level at which the well was perforated by 200 shits at 6340 to 6370.

Hitler's Armies in Russia Face Utter Defeat

Maloyaroslavets, Where Napoleon Fell, Taken by Russians

By the Associated Press
A German sequel to Napoleon's disastrous retreat from Russia in the winter snows of 1812, stared Adolf Hitler in the face Saturday as Soviet troops were reported to have 65-miles southwest of Moscow.

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WPA in State Aids Defense

400 Skilled Men Are Sent to Defense Industries

More than 400 men have been taken from the WPA rolls in Arkansas, trained in trade schools and plants having defense contracts, and sent to factories having the manufacturing job for war materials. Approximately 350 additional men are now in the schools, and will be turned over to the industries that are making materials and arms for the nation's defenders. The State Employment Division and the Education Department are supplying the jobs and the facilities.

Access Roads Take Priority
Orders
Roads to Arkansas' defense plants and airports where pilots are taking training before joining the armed forces are given first attention by the WPA workers. Information on the road capacity, and the airport details are a matter of military secrecy, as this data would give the enemy an idea as to what will be used on the projects when they are completed.

Station 'BEAVER'

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y. — Interested in learning what beavers sound like when they're working, a naturalist and an engineer listened in on them. They concealed a microphone in the roof of a beaver house and connected it with a portable recording apparatus outside.

Braggadocio is the name of a Missouri town.

Cranium Crackers

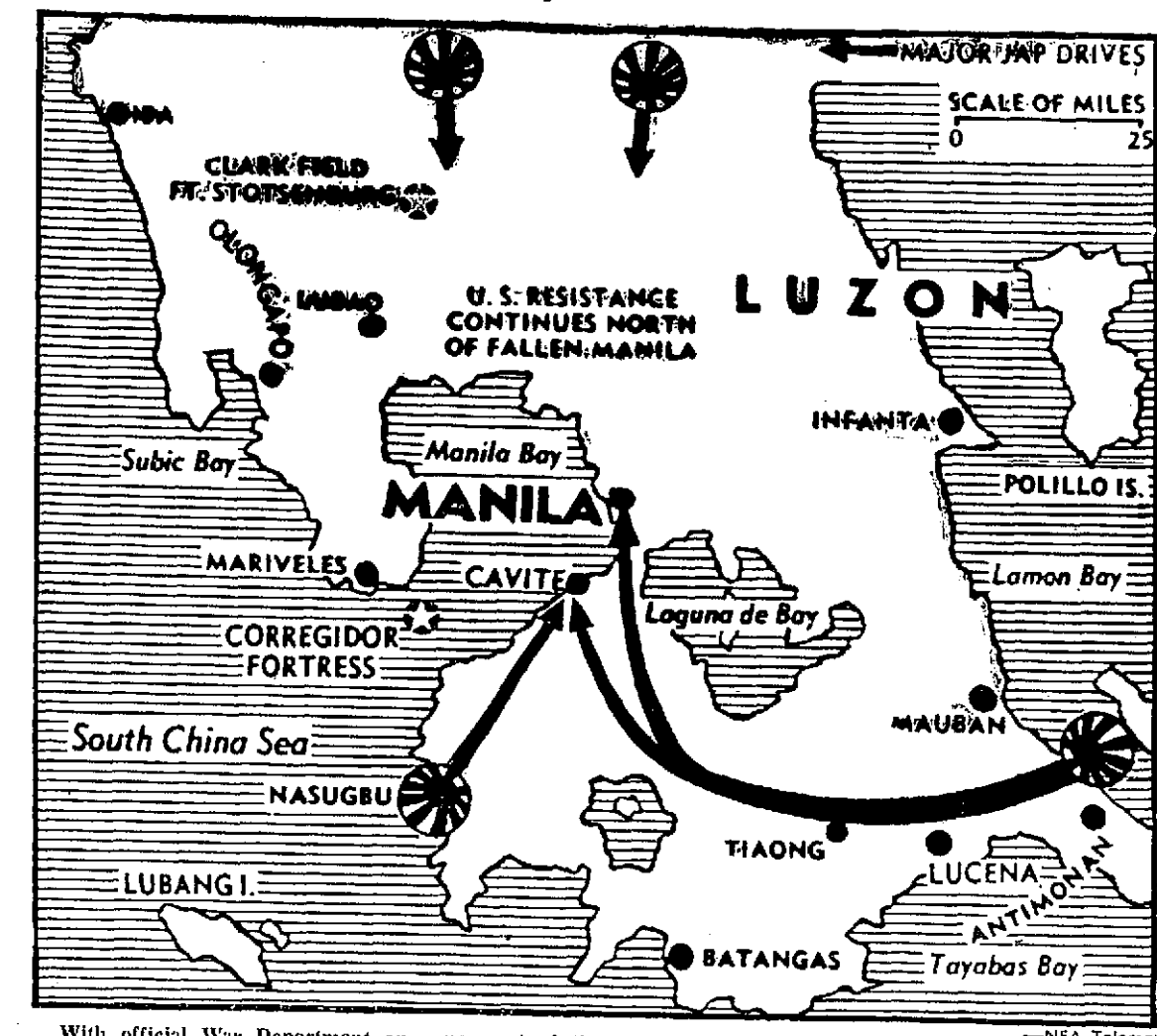
Year of Entertainment
All was not war and worries in this world of ours during 1941. There were comedians, actors, artists, musicians, authors and others in the field of entertainment to keep us amused and take our minds off other troubles. Answer true or false to these statements.

1. Red Skelton, so called because he's thin and red-haired, became a well-known Hollywood ghost writer.

2. Clark Gable co-starred with Lana Turner and Rosalind Russell in movies for the first time.

3. D. C. French gained fame as a sculptor in 1941 by carving a bust of President Roosevelt.

Philippine Set-Up As Manila Falls



With official War Department announcement of the fall of Manila and the evacuation of Cavite Bay Naval base, the U. S. and Philippine defenders fall back to a 200 miles defense arc north of the capital. Arrows show the four main thrusts by the Japanese invaders.

First Snow of Year in County

Three Inches Reported at 7:30 Saturday Morning

The first snow of the season greeted Hempstead and Hope citizens Saturday morning and an official recording at 7:30 Saturday morning was 3 inches, the University of Arkansas Experiment station reported.

However, snow continued to fall all during Saturday morning and estimates put the depth at 4 inches at noon. It is the largest snowfall recorded in this area in several years.

Official temperature low of the season was recorded Thursday night when the mercury hit 17 degrees. High for the night was 49 degrees.

Temperature at 7:30 Saturday morning was 23 degrees.

Purpose of Red Cross

Rev. Brewster Urges Locals to Contribute

The purpose of the American Red Cross is to serve in peace and in war. It has given a splendid account of itself during the relatively peaceful period of 1918 to 1941 and now once more the government of the United States looks to this lone organization to repeat its patriotic performance of 1918-18.

Overnight almost, the Red Cross went into action right on the front line to do the job expected of it.

The American Red Cross will fulfill the purpose for what it exists, if we and millions of others like us will do our duty in supporting and over-subscribing the fifty millions asked for right now.

All Ministers are asked to challenge their congregations as they confront them with the urgent needs of the hour.

Payroll of Proving Ground Is \$186,000

More than 6,000 employees of the W. E. Callahan Construction Company will receive slightly more than \$186,000 this week-end when pay checks are issued for work during the past week.

These figures represent a decrease both in personnel and payroll, but project officials stated Friday that the occurrence of the Christmas holidays and unfavorable weather for field work accounted for the greater part of the decrease.

Marine Corps Drive Jan. 7-12

Recruiting Sergeants to Tape Applications Here

Hope youths who are interested in joining the United States Marine Corps will have the opportunity of filing applications here January 7-12 when Sergeants Samuel B. Boyd and Eugene Fullerton interview prospective Leathernecks of this city, Captain Thomas P. Jackson, officer in charge of the Little Rock recruiting headquarters, announced Saturday.

Sergeants Boyd and Fullerton will stop here while on itinerary duty throughout Southwest Arkansas to seek applications for enlistments in the Marine Corps from young men between the ages of 17 and 30, who are white, single and without dependents.

Upon acceptance of applications and completion of enlistment procedure, the recruits will be sent to San Diego, Calif., for several weeks of basic training at the Marine Corps recruit depot before assignment to duty with Leatherneck forces in the United States or on foreign soil.

Many Arkansas youths are enlisting daily in this famed branch of service and those interested in a career with the Marine Corps are urged to contact the recruit sergeants while they are in Hope. Complete information on the many opportunities for advancement can be obtained from the officers.

Entertainers Speed British Defense

LONDON.—(AP)—ENSA, the national organization created to provide regular entertainment for troops and industrial workers, estimates that by mid winter it will be giving 2,000 professional shows a week.

Bodcaw School Gym Burns

Complete Loss Reported by Resident of That Area

L. M. May, a Bodcaw resident, reported here that the Bodcaw high school gymnasium burned to the ground early Saturday morning.

The fire was believed to have started from a nearby trashpile which was being burned.

There was no immediate estimate as to the loss but it was expected to be several thousand dollars.

Snow General Over Arkansas

Sub-Freezing Conditions Prevail Throughout State

LITTLE ROCK.—(AP)—Blizzard conditions piled deep snow over Arkansas Saturday, and official weather bureau information showed sub-freezing temperatures to be general throughout the state.

Heavy snow accompanied by freezing rains, fell on central Arkansas. Texarkana reported 5 inches of snow. Hope 4 inches early Saturday. De Queen reported 3 inches of snow, following 48-hours of below freezing weather.

Blevins Team Gets Sweaters

Only Three Will Be Lost Through Graduation

60 Planes Bomb Fortifications for Five Hours

Enemy Ground Attacks Lessen but Jap Planes Very Active

By the Associated Press
A War Department communique Saturday reported a 5-hour Japanese raid on Corregidor Island at the entrance of Manila Bay. It said at least 60 enemy planes took part and that three were shot down.

The fortification which guards the entrance to Manila Bay suffered no "material damage," it was said.

American casualties from the attack which took place Friday were listed as 13 killed and 35 wounded.

Ground Attacks Lessen
Meanwhile there was marked lessening of enemy ground attacks on General Douglas MacArthur's main forces on Luzon but Japanese planes were active.

The German radio quoting dispatches from Tokyo said the attack on Corregidor was intended to prevent the arrival of reinforcements for General MacArthur's beleaguered troops.

The broadcast also asserted that a paring U. S. transport had been bombed by Japanese planes.

The Japanese news agency, Domei, said the Corregidor was attacked simultaneously by Japanese land and naval forces. "But" also said General MacArthur's forces were putting up desperate resistance in the Batan area, northwest of fallen Manila.

There was no laboration by Domei as to the land and naval forces.

The U. S. communique was the first official word issued on the Philippine struggle since Friday's announcement of the fall of Manila and Cavite Bay naval base nearby. Even though news was lacking military quarters in Washington believed that MacArthur and his men were in position to keep up a prolonged fight and would make Japan pay dearly.

The Corregidor fortress bristles with 12-inch guns and anti-aircraft batteries and lies 27 miles southwest of Manila.

"Japanese units are now concentrating their attack on the Batan Peninsula and Corregidor Island," the Imperial Tokyo headquarters announced.

The hard pressed American defense forces were reported Friday to have strengthened positions and a shortened line north of Manila and were pictured Saturday as fighting a delaying action in the second phase of the battle of Luzon to permit mobilization of full Allied power in the Pacific.

The Japanese Times and Advertiser reported, meanwhile, that Japanese forces had completed occupation of Mindanao, second largest Philippine island, where landings were made at Davao.

Mind Your Manners

Test your knowledge of correct social usage by answering the following questions, then checking against the authoritative answers below:

1. When introducing a woman to an older man, does the "age before beauty" rule apply in order of introductions?

2. If you are introducing your brother, whose name is Brown, which is the same as yours, would you say, "This is my brother," or "This is my brother, Mr. Brown?"

3. When introducing your mother and father to a friend, whom do you introduce first?

4. When introducing two persons who have never heard of each other is it a good idea to tell them enough about each other so that they can start a conversation easily?

5. When introducing an officer in the Army should you say "This is Mr. Smith" or "This is Lieutenant Smith?"

What would you do if—
You are introduced a second time to a person who does not remember the first introduction—
(a) Say "You don't remember me—but we have met before?"
(b) Just acknowledge the introduction?

Answers
1. No. Introduce the woman first, unless the man is very old and very distinguished.
2. "This is my brother."
3. Yes.
4. Yes.
5. "This is Lieutenant Smith." Better "What Would You Do" solution—(b).

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Social Calendar

Saturday, January 3rd
There will be an executive meeting of the Women's Society for Christian Service at the home of Mrs. H. O. Kyles, 502 South Hamilton, 3 o'clock.

Miss Lenora Routon, whose wedding to Lt. James C. Cross will take place at the Mt. Vernon Methodist church in Washington, D. C. at 5 p. m. January 17, is being complimented Saturday by Mrs. Orie Reed with a luncheon-bridge, 1 o'clock.

Monday, January 5th
The Women's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church will meet at the church recreational hall at 2:30 for a business meeting.

Circle No. 4 of the Women's Society for Christian Service will meet at the home of the leader, Mrs. S. H. Davenport, 216 South Hervey, 3 o'clock. Associate hostesses are Mrs. T. R. Billingsley and Miss Mamie Bryant.

Circle No. 1 of Women's Society for Christian Service with Mrs. R. D. Franklin and Mrs. Edwin Ward, leaders, will meet at the home of Mrs. Don Smith with Mrs. Dolphus Whitten, Sr., associate hostess, 3 o'clock.

The Alma Kyles Circle of the Women's Society for Christian Service will meet at the home of Mrs. Rob Jones, 223 West 6th street, 2:30 o'clock.

The Y. W. A. of the First Baptist church will meet at the church at 6 o'clock. All members are urged to attend.

Tuesday, January 6th
Luncheon for the members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the First Christian church dining room, 12:30 o'clock.

Wednesday, January 7th
Another in a series of parties honoring Miss Lenora Routon, bride-elect, will be the luncheon-bridge to be given by Mrs. Robert Wilson at her home, 1 o'clock.

RIALTO

Midnight Show 11:15

"Bahama Passage"

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"GLAMOUR BOY"

SAENGER

NOW Double Feature

★ Gene Autry ★

— in —

"Down Mexico Way"

— ALSO —

"Smiling Ghost"

— with —

Brenda MARSHALL Wayne MORRIS

New SAENGER

Sunday — Monday — Tuesday

★ Madeleine CARROLL ★ Stirling HAYDEN

— in —

"BAHAMA PASSAGE"

In Technicolor

with Flora Robson Leo G. Carroll

Mary Anderson Cecil Kellaway

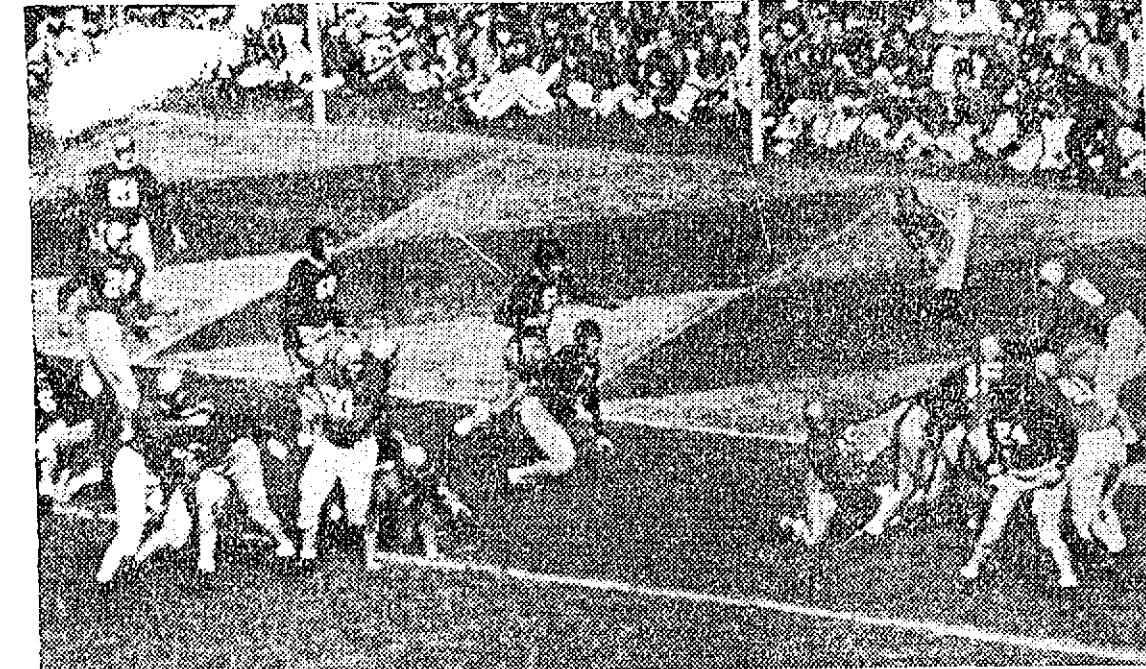
PLUS

Latest News and Baggage Buster

Exciting New Years' Day Bowl Games



Craft (18) Alabama, goes over the goal on a reverse from the 8-yard line for the first Alabama score in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas, Texas. Dobanovich (45) Ala.; Simmons (82) A&M; Webster (20) A&M.



Georgia University's Bulldogs, after building up a 13-7 lead early in the third quarter, saw that lead cut to 14 points as Texas Christian staged a three touchdown rally. Photo shows TCU back, Kyle Gillespie, scoring 1st touchdown for the intrepid Texas school in the first quarter of the game at Miami, Fla.

Harrison in Hollywood

By PAUL HARRISON, NEA Service Correspondent

Seen Through a Rose-Colored Crystal

HOLLYWOOD — Jan., 1942 (From Future News Service, via crystal ball)—Her husband wants a girl, but Shirley Temple believes her baby,

HIS CHRISTMAS CAROL

By ADELAIDE HAZELTINE

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"I didn't dream they'd come in person."

"It all made me realize what I should be doing. I did some checking up on Herrick and found that he was taking credit for everything you did, found that he blamed Bill unfairly."

"Yes, I know. I was near the office when you told Mr. Herrick he was through. It made me proud of you," she faltered, "for a minute. Then I heard Mr. Herrick's proposition and, practically, your consent to it. I guess it won't do any good for me to argue that you're wrong in letting him destroy the will."

"Would it make any difference to you?" There was a new light in his eyes. It twisted her heart with the torture of loving a man she couldn't respect.

She lifted her chin. "Yes, Andy, it would make a difference." Her eyes told him why but her lips were quick to deny it. "You see, I promised your father that his wishes would be followed."

"So you were looking for the will to keep your pledge to him? That's like you, Carol. But Herrick would never hide it in his office. He told me that if it should be found it could never be traced to him. That suggested a plant to me. And I was right."

"A plant? I thought of that, too. I looked several places."

"But not the one place he would be most likely to put it." His hand went into his breast pocket and withdrew a long folded paper. "I have it here, Carol."

"But where in the world did you find the will?"

"The last place you would have looked. In one of those old city directories in your office!"

"In my office?" she gasped.

"Yes. He knew if it were found there I'd never prosecute you and without that his own guilt couldn't be proved."

"It can't matter, can it, Andy?" She was remembering that he wanted it destroyed anyway. "I suppose you put Mr. Herrick off only so you could get the will and do away with it yourself. Now you won't have to sign his contract," she finished tonelessly.

"I put Herrick off because I wanted to find the will. Yes. That's right. But I don't expect to destroy it," he said with determination. "I want it to be recorded, respected, followed." He paused before he added, "Even if it means I lose everything. I'm not too old to start over. There's nothing to keep me from founding a store of my own. My father did it with no capital except his two hands and a willingness to

expected early in February, will be a boy; also says she'll dress him in overalls, call him Butch, and never let him see the inside of a studio. Incidentally, Glamour Temple's next picture will be a \$3,000,000 musical introducing Metro-Rooney-Fox's three dimension process.

At least five former stars around town would be almost penniless today except for the big batches of De-

work. I can do it."

Her heart swelled with gratitude as it echoed his words. He could do it, too. But perhaps he wouldn't have to.

"Then you didn't intend to agree to Mr. Herrick's proposition?"

"No. He's through. I only put him off to give me time to find the will."

"Oh, Andy!" The two small words had her heart in them.

He could smile now. "Well, are we going to read this will?"

She could smile with him. "Yes, Andy, we're going to read it."

But Carol couldn't keep her eyes on the pages. She wanted to watch Andy's face.

SHE saw the muscles of his jaw tighten when he came to the part about the jury. She saw a look of admiration when he read the last paragraph which ordered the store sold and the proceeds given to charity.

"He'd be proud of you, Andy!" He put his arm around her. "You must have known something of the conditions of the will all the time."

"Yes." It was good to share her secret with him. "I typed it but I gave Mr. Dearborn my word that I would never reveal its contents."

"Yet you saved Dearborn's reputation in spite of me. At least the store will be closed with its fine name intact."

"It won't be closed," she said firmly. "I'm on that jury, too. I'll get a hearing. I know what you told Mr. Herrick before you read the will. I know you're going to do what your father would have wanted."

"Yes. I've been blind to the responsibility he always tried to show me. But I see my way now."

"It's a way of happiness..." He drew her close. "Yes. Yet why should you do so much for my father and me?"

She clung to him. "I had to do it," she murmured into his shoulder, "because—"

"Because—you love me," he said huskily. "I've been blind to that, too!"

Excitation swept away every doubt she had ever had of Andy Dearborn, bringing a warm glow of ecstasy. Here was the real Andy, the one she had loved for six years.

He lifted her chin and bent to kiss her lips.

The watchman, making his 10 o'clock round, found them in each other's arms.

THE END

fense Bonds they bought when the United States entered World War II. Among them is that one-armed hero of Dakar who keeps on refusing a pension and big offers for picture rights to the story of his exploits.

In his year-end report, Will Hays announces that motion pictures are still in their infancy, but he has every hope for them. Incidentally, the trade press is plenty alarmed about vaudeville's inroads on the movie box office; says Hollywood will take a terrific beating until three-dimensional color film is in general use. The Hays Office's only cognizance of this is a warning that "Nudity is not the way to prosperity," and a ban on the new spun-glass sweaters.

Well, Did She?
As announced regularly every year since 1932, Mary Pickford still is planning to re-enter active production. She also may star in a remake of her early "Poor Little Rich Girl," and is understood to have set aside \$2,250,000 for the job. Buddy Rogers will have the role of the grandfather.

While Deanna Durbin's quarrel with Universal faces no prospect of settlement, the studio and three other companies are bidding for her small daughter, Deanna, Jr., who seems certain to be the screen's next singing prodigy. . . . The Bing Crosbys expect their 12th boy in mid-April. Bing will fly to the Antarctic immediately afterward to join Bob Hope and the location company making "The Road to Little America." Doty Lamour will wear a fur swing.

Jack Oakie, who's 40, has won his battle for a rewriting of his leading role in the new musical, "Touch Down." Instead of being cast as a college freshman who saves the game in the last minute, he'll now be seen as a college sophomore who saves the game in the last 10 seconds.

Buffy Adolf
The Will Hays of motion picture in Europe's Federated States, is more than a tourist in Hollywood. He's huddling with executives on a deal to exchange stars and top directors between America and the new world. Incidentally this fellow says the Federated States, after these five sweat-stained years of reconstruction, want no glimpse of war pictures—just comedies and musicals. However, there's one creepy-jeepy which is doing business—a French-made film speculating on the wild yarn that Adolf Hitler is still alive, a gibbering madman imprisoned in a mountain cave by the last few Serbian Chetniks.

Another echo of World War II reached Hollywood today with the arrival of a little man from little Japan with a proposition to trade silk for English-language movies. He'll get some, too. An inquiry to Washington brought word from the OWRC (Office of World Reconstruction Coordination) that silk, with chemical treatment, is almost as good for a few industrial purposes as our modern cellulose products.

Clubs

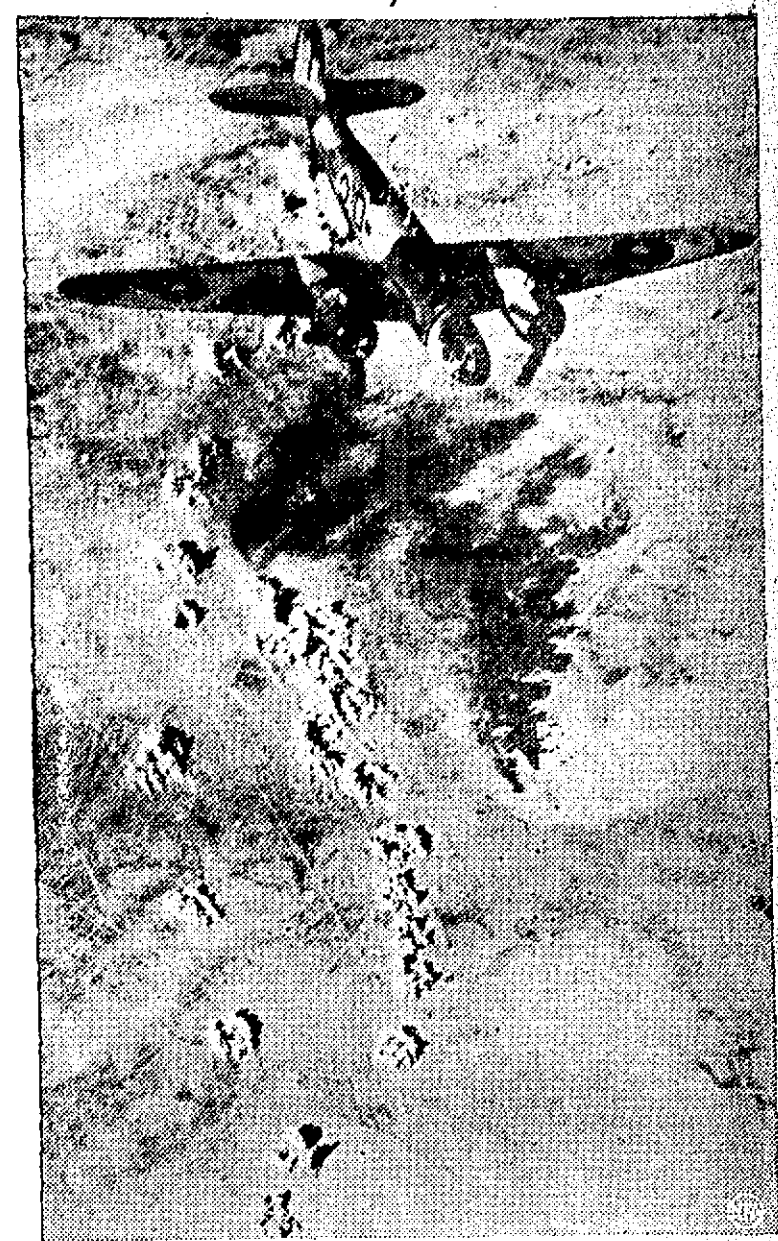
Marlbrook
The Marlbrook Home Demonstration Club met at Marlbrook Tuesday Dec. 16th. The roll was called, there were 14 present. We sang "America the Beautiful" after which we had a special prayer for our country as well as other war torn countries. We promised each other to do our bit toward war defense no matter how small it seemed. Our clothing leader, Mrs. Bailey, read a very encouraging letter from Miss Fletcher. This letter stated the Home Demonstration Clubs had done quite a bit toward helping war torn Britain. We were certainly thrilled to think we could do a little toward helping human beings in distress—We shall continue

America Arms



Mrs. Oswald Jacoby, above, wife of bridge expert Oswald Jacoby and herself a national tennis star, applies a soldering iron to a hydraulic sub-assembly in the Dallas, Texas plant of North American Aviation, Inc., builders of planes for both the army and navy.

Blasts by British



U. S.-built Maryland bomber roars into the sky after swooping to drop a stick of bombs on an axis transport column in Libya, spattering the sands with explosions.

Lions Prepared For Air Raids

Won't Roam in Blackout If Authorities Can Help It

By JACK DEVLIN

NEA Service Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK — In a way, it does seem sort of funny when you stop to think about it . . .

There you'd be in Times Square, say, in the midst of a blackout and aerial bombardment when all of a sudden you would walk right smack into a lion or a tiger or an elephant. A real live show "buff one, too, fresh out of a blitzkrieged zoo."

Well, even if it would make a swell yarn to spin over a highball or at dinner after the war, you can perish the thought as far as the zoo people around here are concerned. Like the Boy Scouts, their motto also is "Be Prepared."

Armed Guards Ready to Mow Down Beasts
Taking a tip from London's war-experienced zoologists, the animal experts here have turned the big Bronx Zoo into an armed camp. Similar precautions are being taken at other zoos in Central Park, Brooklyn and Staten Island.

If a bomb knocks any cages loose, without karying their inhabitants, the guards will form the city's first line of defense and mow 'em down like a Prohibition Era gang leader.

At least that's the way officials have things figured out now. But they generally do admit a secondary plan calls for destroying the animals ahead of time just to make sure that a vagrant sick of bombs couldn't make New York look as if a Noah's Ark was wrecked somewhere in the vicinity.

Meanwhile, the Bronx Zoo guards are on 24-hour duty and taking marksmanship training at the police academy. Additional fire-fighting apparatus is being acquired and maintenance men are being taught how to man the pumps.

Already, when the shades of night begin to fall, the keepers are shooting the lions, tigers, and other carnivorous species of pets into special steel and concrete inner sleeping compartments where, everybody hopes, they will stay put come what may. In addition, the elephants are now being chained up each night.

You will probably be interested, and maybe glad, to know that the poisonous snakes aren't presenting any problem at all, hardly. If they weren't made casualties by a bomb hit, zoo officials declared reassuringly, they would be immobilized by the cold "within a few minutes" after they wriggled outside their steam-heated shelters.

Zebras Escaped During London Bombing
Technical consultant at the Bronx Zoo is Capt. Jean Delacour, a member of the council of the London Zoological Society. The problem here is considerably more simple than in London, he said, because the Bronx Zoo comprises 180 acres of land enclosed behind a high fence.

This area, he said, should give the bombed animals plenty of elbow room for dashing around until they were ready to settle down. Altogether, the

zoo has 2500 animals, reptiles and birds.

In London a bomb popped a bird house at the zoo and a flock of ravens soared out and away. Apparently the excitement outside proved too much because they all scooted back again later.

The only animals to escape over there were some zebras. They pranced up and down through the blackout for a while, possibly scaring some people into going on the wagon, and finally were rounded up uninjured.

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to do our parts to help those who may need our help. We elected new club leaders and officers for another year. Every one seemed proud to have just any office no matter how small it might seem. We also took up a collection for one of our club members who has been sick for a long time, Mrs. Nellie Brooks. We bought her a nice Christmas gift with the money. All club members come to our next meeting for there is work to be done.

Allies Grand Strategy Seen Hinging on Singapore

By THOMAS M. JOHNSON
NEA Service Military Writer

WASHINGTON—The organization, the Supreme War Council, to direct the Allies' grand strategy of the war is, essentially, born of the recognition by military and naval leaders of the fact that this greatest of wars is all one war.

The Atlantic and the Pacific are not compartments, but complements. So when the Allied strategists meet around the green-covered table, their first attention will be given to the following things:

Singapore is the key, not only to the Far East, but indirectly to the Mediterranean theater. It is Japan's prime objective, because victory there means far more to the Japs than does even victory in the Philippines. And it means more to us in the long run.

And Singapore is in danger sooner than was expected. Its protecting battleships are sunk.

The threat to Singapore was suddenly intensified by the all-out onslaught of some 80,000 to 100,000 Japs against the Philippine island of Luzon.

The land forces, fighting southwards through the narrow Malayan peninsula are probably finding the jungles helpful. Our army's experience indicates that in jungle warfare, the attacker knows where he will strike, the defender does not, and whether from ground or air, has difficulty in seeing.

To the anti-Axis team, the Philippines are the 40-yard line and Singapore is the 15-yard line.

Singapore is the great crossroad of the Far East, and on that crossroad is only our tin and rubber supply, but one of the world's great oil filling stations. We can best starve the Axis by starving the motors of its airplanes, tanks and trucks. To hurl back Hitler from the Caucasus oil country is not enough unless we also hurl back Japan from the Indies. Sabotage of oil wells could be repaired in a long war; oil could be taken through the Red Sea to the Mediterranean, which then had become an Axis lake.

Not all of once, of course. First steps would be to use Singapore as a base against ships bearing precious war supplies from America, Australia and India to the "new arsenal of democracy" we are establishing in northeast Africa. All this is the picture if Singapore falls. For it is the only place south of Hawaii where our battle fleet can base. Hawaii is 5000 miles away, and a fleet can safely range only 3000 at most. We have tried, by adding supply ships, to make our fleet more mobile—but it is a gamble.

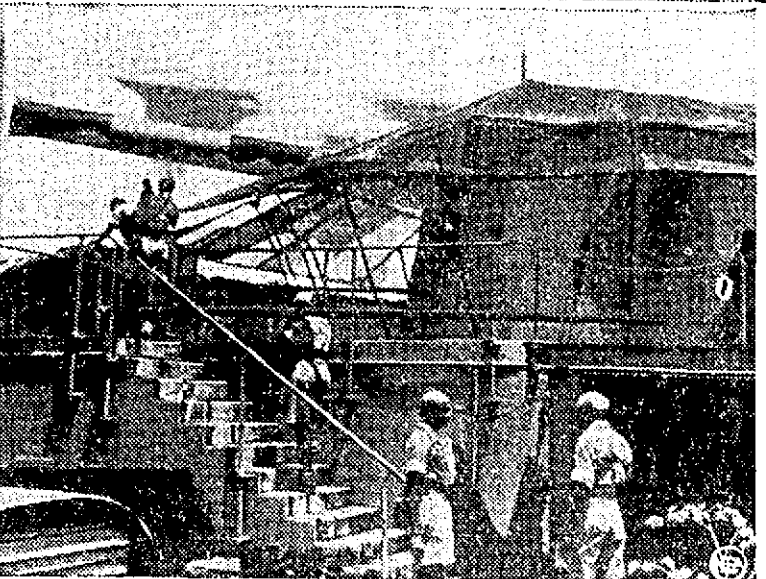
U. S. Losses in Ships Must Be Replaced

That is why, to play our part on the anti-Axis team, we are hastening to replace our own losses in ships and stores. Guam's loss hampers the air ferry, but heroic Wake and Midway are still there and so is unadvertised Samoa.

Important on the sea ferry is another unmentioned island—Cocos. That ancient pirate haunt becomes, through Costa Rica's war declaration, a treasure for the defenders of our great ferry-house at Panama.

Off the Canal's Pacific entrance, tiny Cocos is now a warning station against what struck Hawaii—dawn air attack from carriers sneaking up overnight. That danger was foreseen at Panama and two years ago I saw calculations against it, lacking only one factor—Cocos. Now Cocos slips into place. That's good news, for next to sabotage, Panama's greatest danger is from air attack—worst of all, simultaneous attack from both oceans.

Despite myriad difficulties, not only Japanese, but the Luftwaffe were known then to have planned for such an attack, preferably when ships were



Singapore, great Eastern bastion of British Empire defense, is ringed with huge coast defense guns like that pictured above, trained against sea-borne invasion. Photo at top shows Empire troops struggling through the thick jungles of the Malayan peninsula, down which Japs, with jungle aiding them more than it does the defender, are driving south to attack Singapore from the rear.

transiting the canal to meet a crisis like the present. And, one bomb in a lock . . .

Panama, Singapore, the Philippines; those three loom large in talk around the green-cloth table. There the Philippine picture looks a little different than in the headlines. Perspectives have changed since we drew our defense policy for the 7000 islands. Under our former policy we would give 6999, fight delaying actions and scorch the earth everywhere save on Luzon where we would concentrate defense.

It was thought that if the Japanese could not take Manila, nothing else would matter, because our Pacific Fleet was stronger than theirs and would sink theirs and starve out Japan. Or if the Japanese did take it, we would take it back later. We were so sure of this that some thought we should not defend the islands at all—just come back and pick them up after we had beaten Japan.

That was the old plan. It was dropped when Gen. Douglas MacArthur persuaded Presidents Roosevelt and Quezon that the islands could be held.

China, Manchukuo; and mostly spread out over the water. All those ships will be fine targets for our bombers when they get there, but only the biggest ones can fly from the Pacific Coast. Meantime, underwater, our pig-boats are already doting beneath the keels that bear Japan's hopes of a Greater East Asia.

That is because of that submarine base at Manila, which is so much nearer the theater of war than Hawaii. Submarine power and air power are the reasons why we decided the Philippines are worth defending after all. Because from the Philippines we can give quick aid to Singapore and that means quick aid to China too, for if Japan wins at Singapore, she cuts the Burma road that is China's life-artery. And presently, out goes the Chinese army.

So we must help China and Singapore because that helps the common cause, which is our cause. But we cannot take too many ships or planes from the Atlantic. We must watch the Azores and the other islands, Spanish and Portuguese, and all the Atlantic. We must keep alert war-sudden Nazi dash to the Iberian peninsula and West Africa and their ports, for submarine warfare against our ships and one day, perhaps, an air-sea invasion of the Western Hemisphere. Nothing is impossible in this war of the world—and it's all our war now.

Foster Parents of Men in Need

Red Cross Maintains Communication Lines

By ELEANOR RAGSDALE
NEA Service Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON—When Americans answer the present battle call of the American Red Cross for a \$50,000,000 War Fund, they don't, as a rule, ask, "Just where are my dollars going?"

They see their local chapters training nurses' aides, or ambulance drivers and rallying blood donors to meet the Army and Navy need for 200,000 units of dried blood plasma. Probably they themselves are enrolled in a first aid course, or are knitting a sweater or rolling bandages under Red Cross supervision. Beyond that, the prestige and reputation of the Red Cross, built up through 60 years of humanitarian service, is enough to hold their firm, unquestioning faith.

The \$50,000,000 special fund will be fighting on a 100 per cent American War Front. Remember that the Foreign War Relief drive in the summer of 1940 raised \$22,000,000 for overseas work, and the regular annual membership roll handles normal peace time activities.

Tucked away in a paragraph of the Red Cross Congressional Charter of 1905—only such recognition given to any welfare organization—is a clause providing that the Red Cross shall act "as a medium of communication between the people of the United States and their Army and Navy."

Is Army's Go-Between
In every major army camp and navy post there is a Red Cross Field Director. He is the only civilian welfare worker permitted an inside position. He acts as a sort of "foster parent" to the men of the outfit and has to be an expert on military law, war risk insurance, financing, not to mention domestic relations and applied psychology in many shapes and forms. Last year 6 out of every 100 service men went to a Field Director for advice, guidance or emergency help. And there's where one branch of the "communications" activity starts.

Maybe a boy has a telegram from home saying his mother is sick. He wants to leave, but the Commanding Officer isn't convinced it's necessary. A wire from the P. D. to the local Red Cross chapter in the boy's home town asks for a check-up on the home situation. Sometimes the local representative finds the case not so urgent, and wires reassurance to the anxious soldier or sailor.

Often, however, things are pretty serious and the local representative confirms the need for the boy's return to the C. O.'s satisfaction. Then, as one Red Cross official puts it, "It invariably turns out the young man has no money to get home. So we lend it to him."

In the boy's home town, if a service man's family needs any kind of home service, the Red Cross worker comes to the rescue. Rates with the stock are not infrequently low; the money to finance new furniture where a home has been burned is another example.

One mother heard that her son had

been killed in the Louisiana maneuvers. She spent \$30 on phone calls trying to find out the particulars, and arrange to bring her boy's body home for burial. Always she found the army on the move—no one could tell her how to find her boy.

When a Red Cross F. D. heard about her calls, he went into action, contacting other F. D.'s assigned to communication work with different army units. In 45 minutes he had word back to the mother that her son had died in a motor accident, and that his body would be sent home to her immediately for the last burial rites.

In Honolulu and the Philippines, Trinidad and Bermuda, Red Cross men and women are on the job. Iceland, too, has its staff—helping, advising, keeping the vital line of cheer and assurance intact between the forces and the folks back home.

Red Cross Aid to Casualties

Red Cross recreation centers with game rooms and movies are nearly completed in 55 big encampments. These are built by the War Department, but equipped and staffed by the Red Cross as another phase of its work for able-bodied service men.

For handling the sick and convalescent there are assistant field directors—usually women—in the small base hospitals for less serious cases, as well as at the big army and navy general hospitals, like Walter Reed and St. Elizabeth's in Washington. They are assisted by trained recreation workers and by the "Gray Ladies" who make up the volunteer hospital and Recreation Corps.

The part that the War Fund will play in mustering 50,000 nurses as a Red Cross First Reserve for Army and Navy Nurses' Corps cannot be understated. It works like this:

Graduate nurses apply individually to be enrolled on the Red Cross nursing files. By so doing, they pledge themselves for active duty with the Army or Navy in time of war, or with the Red Cross in time of disaster. First Reserve members are single, under 40, in A-1 physical shape, and are ready to go anywhere. Second Reserve can't consider military duty for one reason or another, but are available for local service and civilian defense duty.

A similar roll of medical technologists who form a reservoir for Army and Navy needs is another Red Cross responsibility. Trips to army and navy stations are promoted by the Red Cross for girls fresh out of hospital graduating classes. These stimulate enrollment for duty with the fast-expanding army and navy.

Fifteen per cent of each chapter's contributions to the \$50,000,000 fund is kept for war work on the local front. That finances materials for your home nursing course or buying the yarn and flannel you are making up for soldier and sailors.

It helps to pay skilled instructors, who in turn train hundreds more volunteer teachers, who then train you and a thousand Mrs. Browns down the street.

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Some people are in debt because they spend what their friends think they make.

"Uncle Sam Anxious to Enlist Large Dogs for War Duty"—headline. Signal feet, however, won't keep you out.

Rich Illinois bachelor married his cook. Now he has a fireless cooker. A friendly tip: There is no scarcity, and the price remains the same on defense bonds.

Easy lies the head of the family when he comes home late. People won't get the best of you if you make the best of yourself.

The handwriting on the wall indicates that the house is rented. Christmas gave the high cost of living another boost—through the high cost of giving.

Being sorry for yourself is wasting sympathy on someone you know doesn't deserve it.

The only kind of a suit some women will press for their husband is a divorce suit.

OUT OUR WAY



New Nazi Defense Line in Russia?



Edson in Washington

Pacific Distances Another War Worry

WASHINGTON—Eight thousand seven hundred and one miles southwest of San Francisco is the port of Batavia, capital of the Netherlands East Indies. Five hundred and twenty-five miles farther on is Singapore. And the sea lanes to these two ports now become among the most important of all life lines for raw materials into the United States. The sea caravans must be kept coming with cargoes of rubber and tin and manganese and items like quinine for tropical malaria fighting, kapok for life preservers of the new ships in the two-ocean Navy and merchant marine, sisal for ropes and lines, tapanoch for starches and pastes and sizing, palm oil for treating metal plates. It is no military secret to mention these things now, for the world in general and this country in particular have known them since the defense effort began.

Talk about conveying! From Singapore and Batavia to San Francisco across the Pacific is just as far as it is the other way around from Batavia and Singapore to London, across the Indian Ocean, up the Red Sea through the Suez Canal, across the Mediterranean to Gibraltar and up the coast of Portugal and occupied France to the channel ports.

The routes are about equally hazardous, now that Japan is in the war and on the loose. Direct routes from Singapore and Batavia to the United States, across the China Sea towards Manila and on past Guam and the Hawaiian Islands are of course closed, for there lurks the Japanese fleet.

The army of the Indies is its defense. There is compulsory service for all men between 18 and 46, whether native or European. There is a motorized force of some 6000 vehicles and a combat air force of American planes.

In May, 1940, when the Nazis invaded the low countries, Amsterdam flashed just one code word to the Netherlands Indies. It was "Berlin." That one code word set the colonial government in action. Every German ship in a Dutch port and every German plane in the air was seized. It would take only another code word to put the whole Netherlands East Indies into even more drastic action now.

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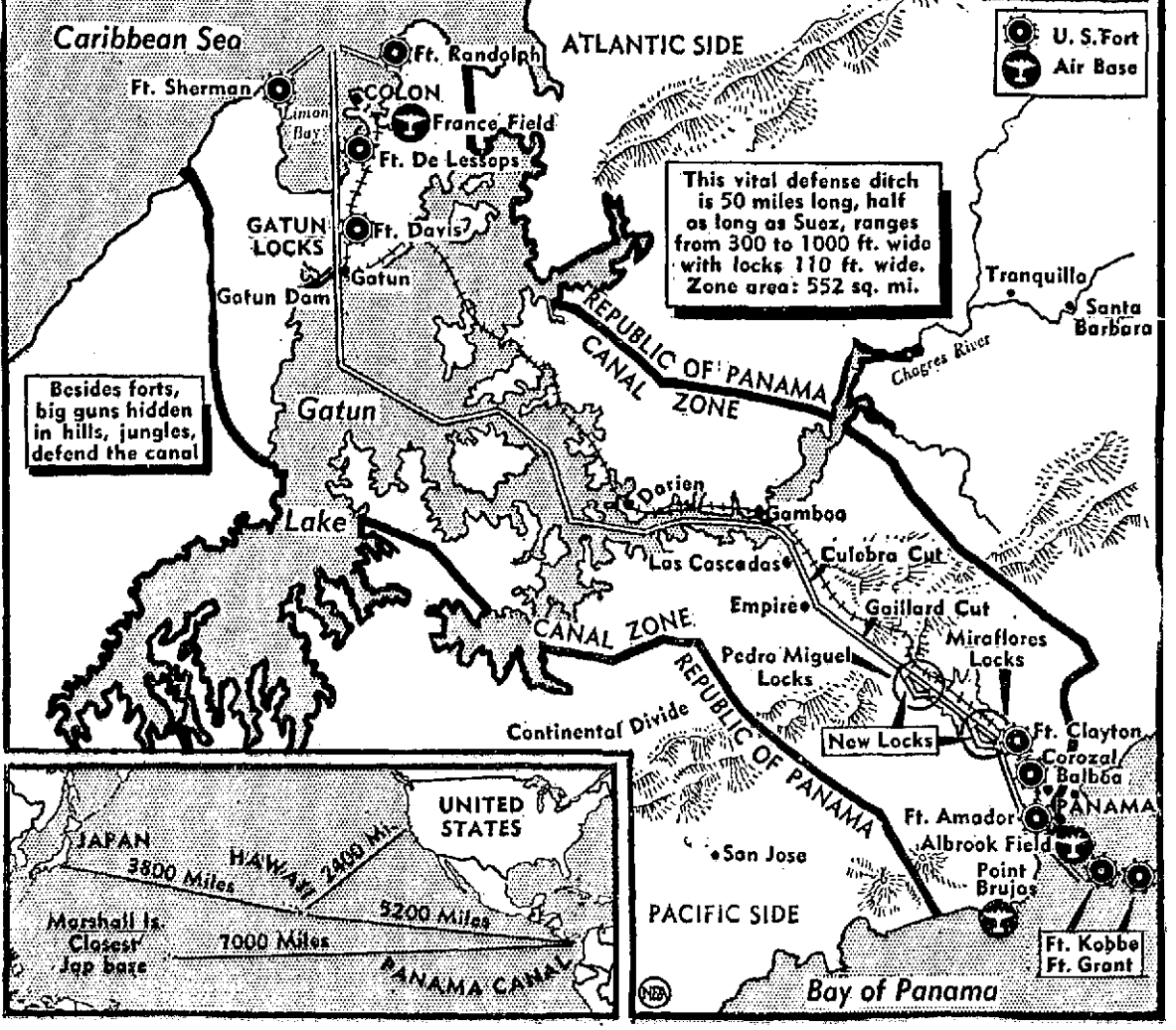
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